

# Society

Mrs. W. S. Howell

## Hostess to Friday Club—

Just at this particular season of the year, when the thoughts of winter with its cold, dreary days give place to the reality of a glorious spring with its balmy atmosphere and wonderful creations of nature, there naturally come new activities socially, and each hostess seems to vie with the other in planning delightful modes of entertainment. One of the most pleasurable affairs in which the members of the Friday Club have participated was the entertainment given yesterday afternoon by Mrs. W. S. Howell. The motif and appointments were quite novel and featured the "cotton" scheme throughout, every detail of arrangement being carefully observed. Myriads of flowers were used in making the rooms a veritable scene of springtime loveliness, and the guests, having already been imbued with joyous spirits, found thorough enjoyment in conversing with each other and participating in the novel features of entertainment which the hostess had planned for them. Handsome palms and ferns in profusion showed to advantage in the reception hall, while in the music room white hyacinths, roses and iris seemed especially designed for the delicately tinted room. The pink hue of roses found a harmonious setting in the library adjoining. Amid these environments, tables were placed and a series of interesting games of six-handed forty-two was enjoyed. Miniature bales of cotton with white linen tags attached furnished appropriate score cards, partners forming by matching the lines of the song "Dixie" contained on each tag. At the close of the final game luncheon cloths of white linen covered each table and a delicious lunch was relished. Individual chicken pie with covering to simulate a cotton boll, with fruit salad in brown casings and whipped cream were served with pineapple ice molded in cotton bale shape and encased in white linen and wrapped in twine. In the center of each table were white mints in wicker baskets, the handle of which being tied with a maline bow. The novel feature of this entertainment marked it as being one of the most enjoyable of all the club parties. The hostess was assisted in entertaining by her mother, Mrs. J. W. Howell, who added materially to the afternoon's pleasures.

## Enjoyable Church Tea—

At times we are content to enjoy that society which solitude makes best, but the call for social intercourse made to our natures is one that cannot be resisted, and nowhere can we find a more ideal place for the exchange of greetings and intermingling with our friends than at an informal church tea. The guests are not confined to the members of one exclusive church, and as a consequence the relation brought about is conducive to harmony in purpose and interest. Yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. L. Edge occurred one of these teas. The attractive rooms were sweet with spring blossoms, and the numerous callers found a most gracious welcome awaiting them. Tempting refreshments were served, and a most enjoyable social time was spent.

## Westminster League Social—

The Westminster League of the First Presbyterian Church often entertains in social session, thus prompting the social life as well as the spiritual. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bell's attractive cottage home is an ideal place for such an affair and they themselves such delightful entertain-

ers that their home was selected for the entertainment which occurred last evening. Fragrant roses and bridal wreath filled the house with beauty and sweetness, giving a pleasant atmosphere to the rooms. The first diversion on the program of entertainment was an old fashioned candy pulling. A progressive game was enjoyed in the dining room, and all during the evening music was a feature that was much enjoyed. The refreshment plate was dainty and tempting, and on leaving the guests were most lavish in their expressions of the delightful time they enjoyed.

## Mrs. Doane Hostess

### to Embroidery Club—

Mrs. J. S. Doane gave delightful hospitality to the Embroidery Club on Tuesday afternoon, the members assembling finding the handsome home most attractive, pink rosebuds in wicker baskets making touches of color in every available place. To the usual accompaniment of merry conversation the members plied the needle with many dainty pieces of fancy work, the occasion being enlivened with a vocal selection rendered by Mrs. George Adams, who graciously responded to encores. At the close of the hour of industry the ladies were invited into the dining room for a cup of coffee, where, with exquisite home environment, no decorations were needed to enhance the beauty and charm. A rich cluny lace cloth covered the table, the only adornment being a bunch of pink rosebuds in a crystal bowl. Mrs. F. E. Hood poured coffee and served delicious Welsh rarebit from a chafing dish. Dainty little Miss Dorothy and Master Jack Doane passed macaroons. Substitutes enjoying the happy afternoon were Miss Janie Mullane of Houston, Mrs. Clarence Ousley, Mrs. J. Webb Howell and Mrs. O. P. Hall.

## Baraca-Philathea Social—

On last evening the Baraca and Philathea classes of the First Baptist Church announced party hours from 8:30 to 11 in their class rooms at the church. A full and large attendance of members availed themselves of this opportunity to pass a pleasant social evening. The rooms were resplendent with quantities of cut flowers and it was in such a lovely environment that the guests enjoyed interesting games and contests arranged especially for the enjoyment of all. Music is always an enjoyable feature of entertainment and on this occasion the musicians taking part on the program seemed at their best. Cream and angel food cake were served at the conclusion of the party hours. A victrola program of classics under direction of Dudley White and readings by Miss Anita Park were highly enjoyable features of the evening's program.

## Notes and Personals—

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will be at home to the members of the church on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. L. McNelis from 3 until 6. All the ladies of the church are cordially invited to be present.

Miss Ruby Connelly of Austin, whose home was formerly in Bryan, has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Rogers, for the past two weeks, and during that time she has been shown many social courtesies of an informal nature. Miss Connelly will make an extended visit in Bryan.

The Embroidery Club will be entertained on Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. E. J. Fountain.

## CLUB NOTES

The following brilliant Texas women, active chairmen of the various committees representing the work of the T. F. W. C., will be present at the meeting of the Fourth District convention in Bryan April 14, 15 and 16, to make their annual reports.

These chairmen and the committees they represent are: Mrs. J. W. Downs, Waco, art; Mrs. Jennie Hardy, Belton, civil service; Mrs. C. M. Hughes, Wharton, literature; Mrs. O. L. McKnight, Center, club extension; Mrs. Bruce Reid, Port Arthur, conservation; Mrs. A. P. Downey, Port Arthur, kindergarten; Mrs. A. H. Neas, fire prevention; Mrs. C. A. Richardson, home economics; Miss Bessie Partlow, Liberty, humane; Mrs. Will Horlock, Hearne, health; Mrs. R. A. Armstrong, history; Mrs. S. E. Seymour, Columbus, libraries; Mrs. J. L. Neal, Wharton, park and playground; Mrs. Hettie M. Currie, Brenham, political science; Miss Essie Alexander, LaGrange, pure food; Mrs. W. H. Aldridge, Aldridge, waterways and forestry; Mrs. Mattie D. Willis, Waco, resolutions; Mrs. W. B. Sharp, Houston, social science; Mrs. W. E. Spell, Waco, rules and regulations; Miss Decca West, Waco, press; Mrs. M. J. Thompson, Beaumont, memorial; Mrs. R. L. Cox, Houston, music; Mrs. F. Watts Brown, Navasota, civics.

Other distinguished speakers on the convention program are Mrs. H. B. Fall, Houston, State president; Mrs. W. W. McCrory, Edna, district president; Miss Ima Hogg, Houston; Mrs. R. E. Buchanan, Fort Worth; Mrs. John Barclay, Wharton; Mrs. Fred B. Robinson, Waco, and many others.

Among the out of town musicians who will contribute to the excellence of the musical programs for that occasion are Mrs. Gaylord Behout, Waco; Mrs. J. W. Carroll, Waco; Mrs. R. L. Cox, Houston; Miss Louise Pace, Corsicana.

The Woman's Club of this city completed its study term last Wednesday, the club year extending from the first Wednesday in October to the first Wednesday in April. The session just closing has in many ways been the most pleasant and profitable in the life of this splendid organization. Progressive steps have been taken, a flourishing club spirit aroused, a wider knowledge of the broad and useful field of clubdom acquired, and more extensive and useful plans projected for the club than it has ever known in its history. Mrs. John H. Allen, club president, has by her conservative and faithful efforts led the Woman's Club into a new sphere of club efficiency and club ambition.

The course of study for the year just closing included Shakespeare's "King Lear" and George Eliot's "Silas Marner," with roll call answered with current events and table talks on Southern literature. The outline of study for 1916 has not been selected.

Next Wednesday the club will elect officers for the coming year and adjourn for the summer months.

The Young Ladies' Reading Club and the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy have joined hands with the Woman's Club to help in all its plans for the entertainment of the district meeting in April.

An appreciated courtesy to the club visitors at the district meeting will be a reception and tea at the Y. M. C. A. building at College on Wednesday at 5:30 p. m., given by the Campus Ladies' Literary Club.

Club Notes has been requested to announce that a general invitation is extended to the entire citizenship of Bryan to attend the reception at the Elks' club rooms on Thursday, April 15, at 9 p. m., at which time the Woman's Club will be hostess to the ladies of the Fourth District convention. It is also the desire of the local club ladies to emphasize the fact that all the meetings of the convention will be open to visitors and that a special invitation is given to all to be present at the opera house on President's evening, Wednesday, April 14, at 8:30 p. m., as the program for that occasion will be the most brilliant of the entire convention.

By invitation from Mrs. W. Whpprecht, Prof. Miller of the Bryan high school was a welcome visitor at the meeting of the Woman's Club on Wednesday, and gave a splendid talk on "The Double Purpose of the Novel Silas Marner." His remarks were interesting and instructive and showed that clear and comprehensive knowledge of literature and especially of the life and writings of George Eliot, that gave power and interest to every line of thought he so beautifully brought out. Prof. Miller's words of praise and encouragement to the Bryan club women in their literary efforts were also greatly appreciated.

## CIVIC CLUB NOTES.

Clean up Bryan—this means you; Clean up your front yard and back yard, too; And even the street where the weeds once grew.

The Boy Scouts have the sincere thanks of the Civic League for their splendid work during the clean-up campaign last week. Through their efforts the work was much simplified and hastened, for they not only notified the residents that the wagons were coming, but some of them went with the wagons and saw that nothing was overlooked. With the cooperation of this splendid group of boys under Scoutmaster Simpson, the Civic League can and will accomplish much.

The Bryan people are now thoroughly responsive to every suggestion of cleaning up the town. Never before has so much civic work been attempted at one time. A curb and gutter is now being built around the Methodist Church and parsonage, and the grounds will be otherwise improved.

The Baptist Church has just completed a curb and gutter, and new walks are being added where necessary. But, best of all, the unsightly alley that for years has been a disgrace to the community has been converted into a driveway of crushed rock, which adds greatly to the general appearance of the church grounds. The parsonage grounds, which are very low, have been filled and leveled.

The Episcopal Church has a new curb, flowers and a terraced lawn, which makes it especially attractive. The Presbyterian Church has converted two lots into a playground for children. There will be a tennis court, merry-go-round, basketball grounds, swings and horizontal bars. Vines and flowers have been planted.

Little beds of flowers,  
Little pots of paint,  
Make a pretty cottage  
Out of one that ain't.

At Villa Maria civic pride and industry are showing themselves in a modest way, yet under some difficulties, one of which is a scarcity of water otherwise than for household purposes. The possibility of the city water main being extended to the academy inspires a fresh impetus to beautify the spacious grounds. However, not daunted by having to work under difficulties, flower beds have been planted with the old fashioned and hardier shrubs; vines are seeking to make both brick buildings more attractive; hedges are replacing fences; new hitching posts are being placed, and a careful, systematic planting of shrubbery has been a feature of improvement. The basketball and tennis courts are in good condition for practice, looking forward to field day early in May, while the campus is being prepared for May pole and folk dances. The manager of the interurban promises an extension of the electric line to the convent in the near future, and the company will soon repair the terminals at the convent and terrace the grounds left somewhat unsightly at the first laying of the track. An improvement of the entire frontage, it is hoped, will be contemporary with the improvement of the road under the bond issue.

Some fifty fruit trees have recently been planted; several kinds of berries are giving promise for the future; the large vineyard has been gone over by two of our competent young townsmen, and several fine pecan trees bore their first nuts this season.

A large and well-tended garden makes one look forward to fresh vegetables in wholesome abundance and that a school girl's delight to pilfer onions, turnips and the like may be gratified in full measure and yet leave plenty of material for the Sisters' canning club.

The small farm is prepared for a full yield, and even the pasture has received an addition of grass and clover.

An electric incubator has been installed and poultry raising on a large scale for home use makes another advance to provide well for the students' material as well as intellectual needs. One registered Jersey forms the nucleus of a herd that will help to give noticeable results in building up a sound and healthy body for the bright and active mind required in the class room.

Judge Maloney deserves special mention for his work on the court house grounds. He has moved the old jail cells, and is now removing the rubbish. When this is done, new walks will be built, the grounds cleaned, leveled and sodded, and Bryan will no longer have cause to be ashamed of the court house grounds. A committee from the Woman's Club will assist in planting trees and shrubs.

The grounds around the Christian Church have been leveled and flowers placed in the bed in front.

Mrs. T. C. Nunn has planted bright annuals, shrubs and vines around the jail, and intends to make it one of the beauty spots of Bryan.

For a short time the Civic League will conduct a plant exchange. If you have plants of any kind that you wish to give away or exchange, phone Miss Malcolm Melvin.

We build parks; we clean up Bryan; Our work is never meager. Why don't you help by joining us— Become a Civic Leaguer.

Tear down and remove old, dilapidated buildings and fences. If this is impossible, cover them with vines.

Keep your chickens at home. If you can't do this, eat them. You are doing an injustice when you allow your chickens to scratch up your neighbor's flower beds. Those flowers cost money and time, and many people love them and actually feel hurt when they see them destroyed. Towns much smaller than Bryan have chicken laws. The Civic League and the Woman's Club will petition the city council to pass one here. Use your influence in favor of it. It is as necessary as a stock law. Bryan can never have beautiful yards until it is passed.

Mr. Doane has planted cannas, flags, etc., and has sodded a grass plat around the Bryan Hotel.

The East Side school has responded to the request of the Civic League and corded the wood that has been scattered over the playground. And upon the suggestion of the teachers, the pupils have made a special effort to see that all the papers are deposited in the receptacles which the school board has provided for such refuse.

## Brighten Up Crusade.

1. Do not allow rubbish to accumulate.
2. Do not throw anything on sidewalks or streets.
3. Do not let piles of ashes or trash remain in back yards.
4. Do not mark or deface sidewalks, fences, buildings or public property.
5. Keep the garbage can covered and destroy breeding places of flies and mosquitoes.
6. Plant grass and flower beds—make a garden and encourage the love of nature, sunshine and fresh air.
7. Apply paint to fences, sheds and buildings.
8. Brighten up yourself, brighten up your home and spread the brighten up spirit among your neighbors.
9. Brighten up your business, brighten up your town and promote its social, industrial and commercial progress.
10. Let brighten up be your slogan.

## Co-operation at West Side School.

In the West Side school a committee consisting of four boys and four girls has been appointed to co-operate with the teachers in keeping the yard clean. Each week a new committee will be appointed and all the pupils will help. The boys have voted unanimously to devote one recess each day to cleaning up the grounds, and, working double time Thursday and Friday, they have moved and stacked about twenty cords of wood. These enthusiastic young Americans say they will finish the wood pile in two more days and will then turn their attention to other needs. Watch them.

## HERE IS A SELF-UNMADE MAN.

In the April American Magazine George Fitch writes another Homeburg sketch of life in a small town, entitled "Homeburg's Leisure Class." Mr. Fitch says that in Homeburg there are two prize loafers—DeLancey Payley and Gibb Ogle. DeLancey is the son of the richest man in town. He hasn't done any work since he returned from college nine years ago. Of Gibb Ogle Mr. Fitch writes in part as follows:

"Gibb Ogle, the other part of our leisure class, is a very different kind of a bird. His art is more sublime than DeLancey's because he has no one to support him. He has worked down to his present state from nothing at all. He is a self-unmade man. With no resources, not even a loving wife with a wash tub, he lives a life of perfect ease and idleness. He doesn't even have to hunt for means of killing time, as DeLancey does. Time with him dies a natural death. He is not implicated in the sad event in any way. All he does is to watch its demise. He watches whole hours pass away while leaning against the door frame of the Delmonaco Hotel. Chet Frazier and Sam Bone got into an argument one day and to settle it they went over and took Gibb away from the building. It didn't fall, and Sam won. Gibb had watched several thousand hours expire while propping up the Q. B. & C. depot. He is the chief spectator at every fire, runaway, dog fight and public event. He is a movable landmark, as permanent as the Republican flagpole in the city

park. I have never yet gone down town in the morning without seeing Gibb on the street. And very seldom have I gone home at night, even in the howling blizzards of winter, without passing Gibb leaning against the warm bright shop window of the last open place of business, and waiting with placid greediness for one final event of some kind to transpire before going to his well earned repose.

"In summers Gibb leads a care-free, happy life, sunning himself all day and sleeping comfortably at night in any one of a dozen places. He is our village grasshopper, taking no thought of the chill future. How he lives through our cold fierce winters is a mystery. He sleeps in barns. He sleeps on the coal in the electric light power house. If the clerk at the hotel happens to be a friend of his, he curls up in a chair in the lobby. Sometimes all of these fall him. I have heard that he spent one winter in an empty room over a store, and thawed out his toes on several mornings. We are always afraid some crackling January morning to find Gibb frozen hard on the streets, and it is a relief when spring comes and he begins to fatten up a little and drink in sunshine again."

## BIG CATTLE DEAL.

R. E. L. Stringfellow of Velasco closed a deal Friday with Guy M. Bryan of Houston for the purchase of 1,500 head of cattle, the transaction involving nearly \$60,000. Mr. Bryan's ranch adjoins that of Mr. Stringfellow's eight miles from Velasco. Cattle prices, Mr. Stringfellow says, were not much different from those of last year at this time, but cattlemen have hopes of a rise in the market soon. Fewer cattle are being raised in Texas now than in previous years, Mr. Stringfellow said. This is due to the large sale of calves and cows and the fencing up of the range.—Houston Post.

# 138

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## For Civic Righteousness and Clean Lives.

The National Weekly, Johnston City, Ill., says: "The biggest religious demonstration Johnston City has ever had, was the remarks heard on the streets after the March Sunday, referring to the parade of men, women and children for Civic Righteousness and Clean Lives."

"The revival held at the Free Baptist Church is still growing in interest, and the preaching of Evangelist Stalker is becoming more effective, and it is not uncommon to see strong men weep under the earnest and touching pleadings of this man of God."

R. W. Stalker will be in Bryan for a series of revival meetings to be held at Aldrome, beginning April 4th. Hear him.

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